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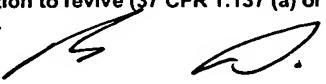
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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>SIP-0205</b>                                |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/JP2005/016596  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>September 9, 2005 | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known) see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>107578875</b><br>N/A |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>PNEUMATIC TIRE</b>   |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>Toshiro OYAMA</b>   |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:   |  |  |
| <p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))<br/>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).<br/>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.<br/>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))<br/>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).<br/>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<br/>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<br/>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).</p> |  |  |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:   |  |  |
| <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: International Search Report; PCT/IB/304; Return Receipt Postcard</p>   |  |  |

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.6)  | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. |   | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER |                           |  |
| <b>10/578875</b>   | PCT/JP2005/016596             |   | SIP-0201                 |                           |  |
| The following fees have been submitted   |                               |   |                          |                           |  |
| 21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee .....   | \$300                         |   | CALCULATIONS             | PTO USE ONLY              |  |
| 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee<br>If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....  | \$100                         |   |                          |                           |  |
| All other situations .....   | \$200                         |   | \$ 200.00                |                           |  |
| 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee<br>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....  | \$100                         |   |                          |                           |  |
| International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office .....  | \$400                         |   |                          |                           |  |
| All other situations .....   | \$500                         |   | \$ 400.00                |                           |  |
| <b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>  |                               |   |                          | \$ 900.00                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. |                               |   |                          |                           |  |
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| 34 - 100 =   | /50 =                         |   | x \$250.00               |                           |  |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).  |                               |   |                          | \$                        |  |
| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED                  | NUMBER EXTRA  | RATE                     |                           |  |
| Total claims   | 14- 20 =                      | x   | \$ 0.00                  |                           |  |
| Independent claims   | 1- 3 =                        | x   | \$ 0.00                  |                           |  |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(s) (if applicable)  |                               |   |                          | \$                        |  |
| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>   |                               |   |                          | \$ 900.00                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.   |                               |   |                          | \$                        |  |
| <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |                               |   |                          | \$ 900.00                 |  |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (f)).   |                               |   |                          | \$                        |  |
| <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |                               |   |                          | \$ 900.00                 |  |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21 (h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property  |                               |   |                          | \$ 40.00                  |  |
| <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |                               |   |                          | \$ 940.00                 |  |
|  |                               |   |                          | Amount to be refunded: \$ |  |
|  |                               |   |                          | Amount to be charged: \$  |  |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.   |                               |   |                          |                           |  |
| b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>18-0013</u> in the amount of \$ <u>940.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.  |                               |   |                          |                           |  |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>18-0013</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.                            |                               |   |                          |                           |  |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.        |                               |   |                          |                           |  |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.  |                               |   |                          |                           |                                     |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  |                               |   |                          |                           |  |
| David T. Nikaido<br>RADER, FISHMAN & GRAUER PLLC<br>1233 20th Street, N.W., Suite 501<br>Washington, DC 20036<br>(202) 955-3750<br>Date: April 19, 2005<br>CUSTOMER NUMBER: 23353  |                               |   |                          |                           | SIGNATURE:<br><u>David T. Nikaido/Brian K. Dutton</u><br>NAME<br><u> </u><br>REGISTRATION NUMBER<br><u>22,663/47,255</u> |